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[] 1. On 2 June 1952, a large parking area with about 280 trucks, 27 armored personnel carriers, each with a 25-mm gun, 30 T-34 tanks, 5 heavy tanks of a new type, about 10 meters long, 4.5 meters wide and 4 meters high with 1 gun of about 150-mm caliber and 1 gun of 25-mm caliber and 2 machine guns, and about 50 x 122-mm field howitzers were seen on a cleared hill north of Highway No 195 in the woods east of Bad Doberan (M 55/O 72). Truck [] was seen entering the parking area. (1)

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2. On 2 and 4 June, a camp of about 250 low wooden sheds, each housing 4 to 6 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, was seen east of Highway No 193, just north of Tannenhof and Papenberg, in the woods north of Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54). There were 10 field kitchens and at least 40 trucks, [] About 300 to 400 soldiers were seen engaged in combat practice with about 40 x 80-mm mortars in the training area near Papenberg. A total of 34 T-34 tanks was entrenched. JS tank No 14 and five heavy tanks of the type seen at Doberan were observed in the terrain. (2)

3. No troops were noticed in Waren (N 54/U 95) on 4 June, and [] there were no troops in the vicinity.

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[] 4. At 11:30 a.m. on 28 May, six trucks carrying cots, each towing a 87-mm AA gun proceeded from the direction of Droggen south of Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 52) toward the Fuerstenberg railroad station. []

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[] (3. At 7 a.m. on 3 June, a train carrying 16 trucks and eight 85-mm AA guns and including six boxcars was seen at the Fuerstenberg railroad station, headed in the direction of Templin (N 54/U 81). (4)

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[] was seen at the same station and later departed in the direction of Fuerstenberg. (4) A train without a locomotive which carried 31 new [] trucks was seen at the railroad station.

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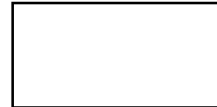
6. On 27 May, three trains were loaded with 40 new trucks each at the Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) railroad station. A resident stated that beginning 20 May, new trucks had been continually loaded.
7. On 7 June, a Soviet komandatura was established in Kyritz (N 53/Z 19). A resident stated that civilians had been evacuated from the Holzhausen Strasse. (5)
8. At 1 a.m. on 2 June, a train carrying JS tanks [redacted] passed through the Brandenburg-Altsadt (N 53/Z 23) railroad station coming from Cramwinkel (N 51/J 14) and proceeding to Kirchmooser west of Brandenburg.
9. On 31 May, the barracks installation on Halberstaedter Strasse, Quedlinburg (N 52/D 35), was no longer occupied by the fire brigade previously stationed there. Billeting equipment was loaded from another building which housed the Kreis police office. Sedans [redacted] stood in front of the barracks gate. Residents stated that on about 19 May, soldiers had been unloaded at the Quedlinburg railroad station. (7)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

- (1) Motor vehicle [redacted] belongs to the 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mecz Army. It is possible therefore that the units reported in that area for the first time may belong to this army. Railroad records indicate that, on 29 May 1952, a troop train probably carrying a unit of the 1st Mecz Div went from Doberitz to Rostock. [redacted] The unit was possibly sent to the area of Doberan. Other information from the post of the Second Gds Mecz Army contained no indication that units had moved to the area of Rostock. Only the barracks installation in Droegen near Fuerstenberg had been even lightly occupied on 28 May 1952. It is possible therefore that the 31st Gds Litz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div stationed there as well as headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army moved to the area of Rostock-Bad Doberan as early as late May. [redacted]
- [redacted] Further information is needed to determine the correctness of these observations, especially as no previous indications on the presence of heavy tanks of this type are available.
- (2) This training area had not been noticed when [redacted] covered the area of Neustrelitz. [redacted] The area is probably also occupied by units of the Second Gds Mecz Army.
- (3) The AA guns belong to the 31st AAA Div. [redacted] saw six 85-mm AA guns of the same division at the barracks installation in Droegen on the same day. [redacted]
- (4) The trains no doubt belong to the movement which began in late May 1952 and rotated AAA units from the Templin troop training grounds to short-term firing practices in Jueterbog. [redacted] The train which left Templin on 2 June 1952 belonged to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
- (5) Eight reports have been received since May 1952 on komandaturas established in locations in the Soviet Zone of Germany which had not been previously occupied by Soviet troops.

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- 25X1 (6) [redacted] 68th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 2 June 1952. The tanks mentioned probably were tanks in need of repair of this regiment which went to the tank repair shop in Kirchmooser.
- 25X1 (7) The Infanterie Kaserne on Halberstaedter Strasse is located in the north-western section of the town and was last occupied by Soviets in 1946. The motor vehicles seen at the installation belong to the 105th Sig Regt of the Third Shock Army. On 24 April 1952, [redacted] the Mummenthal Schule and the former Landratsamt were occupied by about 80 soldiers who also belonged to a signal unit. The identity of the unit cannot be determined [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] another installation which is not carried on the list quartered 800 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets on 31 May. [redacted]

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